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My Dear Friend;

I recd. your Note & bundle of Extras on my return from Haverhill this morning - & took measures to have them distributed. The meeting this aftn. is not a legal meeting - not being a regular one nor called by the managers but only by most the members - so that nothing will be done today except to canvass a little. The majority they think will go for the new organizn. at the next meeting. The question seems to be, in that case should the Old Platform women form a new Socy. or meet & pass resolutions that they will coöperate with the B. F. A. S. Soc. & the Masstts. Soc. for the present? I rather incline to the latter plan - as the necessity of exclusively womens' Societies seems to be superseded by the admission of them on equal terms in the Mens Societies - tho' they should clearly be kept up for the present wherever they have been established. What think you? They rely greatly on your opinion. Pray write & let me know it. Mrs. Houghton seems to be a Mary

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Parker in little, & to appear ambitious of treading in the footsteps of her illustrious predecessor. I have advised our friends that if she ~~sh~~ should propose to change the name of the Soc. to the Emancipation Soc. they should deny the right of the majority to make it anything but an A. S. Soc. — refuse to vote on the question — ~~adjourn~~ give notice of a meeting at some other place & proceed by themselves as the D. F. A. S. Soc. I still think so in this case — but I understand that ~~they~~ she does not now propose to change the name but only make it auxiliary to Mary Parker's Soc. Pray give your opinion as counsel learned in the law upon this statement of facts.

I went to Haverhill yesterday and lectured to a full audience. The town is all alive about the Fair they hold today — proslavery people & all. Some of the most active in getting it up are persons who were never known before as Abolitionists. The Hall in which it is to be held was really beautifully decorated with evergreens — pictures — mottoes &c. The tables were not set so I did not see the articles but understand that they have a good assortment & are confident of a successful sale. You may be sure that I put in a word for the Massts. Socy. — I think that the money will come into our treasury & into that of the Am. Soc. through ours.

I send you a letter recd. today from Arthur Tappan in reply to our N. R. one. As we might expect it implies a probable refusal to insert it in the Reporter. The evasion about the N. R. S. not being mentioned &c is worthy of New Organization. Perhaps we had better not say anything about his letter, as it is unofficial, until it is definitively refused — but have our letter appear in the Lib. & N. R. It seems too they are going to try to get over the worst part by explaining it away as a mistake. I believe the obscurity was intentional & intended for this very emergency.

We shall await your opinion on the points of law submitted to your consideration with much interest — pray do not disappoint us. When the circles return tell them that I regard it as a part of the allegiance they owe to the Presdt. of their county Soc. to keep him informed of all that goes on in the metropolis & elsewhere. If they neglect this act of fealty I shall proceed to excommunicate them without mercy & give them over to the —— new organization — body & soul. Love to all.

Thine ever

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